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OF JAMIA-I-ISLAMI, AND THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF
GUNFIRE RESULTING IN AT LEAST THREE DEATHS AND A
NUMBER OF INJURIES.

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TAGS: PGOV, PTER, MOPS, PREF, ASEC, AF, PK
SUBJECT: TRUCK BOMB EXPLOSION TRIGGERS VIOLENT PROTEST
IN NWFP

REFS: (A) PESHAWAR 298 (NOTAL), (B) PESHAWAR 300 (NOTAL)

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THURSDAY'S MASSIVE TRUCK BOMB EXPLOSION
TRIGGERED TWO DAYS OF VIOLENT PROTEST IN THE FRONTIER
PROVINCE. ONE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, POLICE COPEL WITH
UNREST IN MANY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS IN PESHAWAR AND
OTHER CITIES IN THE FRONTIER. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

SUMMARY.

3. THURSDAY MORNING'S MASSIVE TRUCK BOMB BLAST IN
GARHI QAMARUDDIN ABOUT THREE MILES SOUTH OF PESHAWAR
ON THE KOHAT ROAD HAS NOW CLAIMED FOURTEEN LIVES AND
ABOUT SEVENTY INJURED, WITH OVER FORTY HOSPITALIZED.

SIX PERSONS ARE STILL ON
THE CRITICAL LISTS AT LOCAL HOSPITALS.

4. THE EXPLOSION, WHICH DETONATED INSIDE A LARGE
"HINO" BRAND TRUCK, WAS SO POWERFUL THAT SEVEN OR
EIGHT KATCHA (MUD) HOUSES IN THE AREA COLLAPSED. IT
DETONATED NEAR A PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE OFFICE OF THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE OF PROFESSOR BURHANUDDIN RABBANI'S
JAMIA-I-ISLAMI. THOSE KILLED IMMEDIATELY WERE
CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE STREET (4), LABORERS WORKING
ON A NEARBY SCHOOL (3), AND PASSER-BY. AS MIGHT
BE EXPECTED, THERE WAS PUBLIC REACTION TO THE BLAST
ON TWO LEVELS: FIRST, THE BLAST SPARKED VIOLENT
PROTEST IN THE CITY.

5. PUBLIC REACTION: AS NOTED REF A, THE EXPLOSION
TRIGGERED A REACTION AT THE SITE. AN ANGRY CROWD
GATHERED AT THE NEARBY OFFICE OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE

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ALL THE SHOPS
IN THE CITY CLOSED THURSDAY AFTERNOON DUE TO THE
UNREST, WHICH INCLUDED ROAMING MOBS STONING OPEN SHOPS.
A MOB AT LADY READING HOSPITAL CASUALTY WARD HAD TO BE
RESTRAINED BY THE POLICE, AND TEAR GAS WAS USED BOTH
ON KOHAT ROAD AND IN QISSA KHAWANI. DISTURBANCES CONTINUED
IN THE AREA OF THE EXPLOSION, WITH PERIODIC MOBS FORMING
TO BLOCK TRAFFIC AND TO THROW STONES AT AFGHAN OFFICES AND
ONE AFGHAN HOSPITAL NEARBY. TEAR GAS WAS USED, AND
THREE MORE PERSONS WERE INJURED IN FIRING FRIDAY.

6. ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS
CONTINUED.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE TRUCKLOAD OF DEMONSTRATORS THREW STONES AT
THE CONSULATE, STRIKING ONE EMBASSY VAN IN THE PARKING
LOT AND HITTING THE UPSTAIRS VERANDA OF THE RESIDENCE. BT

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